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FOLLOWING REPEAT ROME 19956 SENT ACTION BEIRUT INFO SECSTATE
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QUOTE UNCLAS ROME 19956

BRUSSELS FOR FAA; DEPARTMENT PASS COMMERCE FOR HALE, COHEN;
FAA FOR CARY AND CARMICHAEL.

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SUBJECT: BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BIA)

FROM RCAA DWOR

REF.: (1) ROME 18718, (2) STATE 283161, (3) BEIRUT 8561

1. GEORGE CARAYAN MEA SENIOR VP MANAGEMENT CONTROLS AND WORKING
WITH DGCA BEYDOUN IN BRINGING BIA UP TO FULL OPERATIONAL STATUS,
PHONED RCAA FROM LONDON WITH FOLLOWING STATUS AT BIA:

A. HIGH-INTENSITY LIGHTING RUNWAY 18-36 HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND
FUNCTIONING, INSTALLATION MADE POSSIBLE BY LOCATION CABLES AND
LIGHTING EQUIPMENT SUPRISINGLY ONHAND IN DGCA/DCA WAREHOUSES
BIA. LIGHTING ON RUNWAY 3-21 NOW IN PROCESS INSTALLATION.

B. URGENT DGCA REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR OFF-SHELF NDB, DME, AND
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METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT CITED BEIRUT 8561. TENDER FOR PROPOSALS

NEW ILS SYSTEM WILL BE ISSUED BY DGCA IN NEAR FUTURE.

C. TMA AND MEA HAVE LOANED GOL THREE MILLION LEBANESE POUNDS TO AT LEAST PARTIALLY FUND UPGRADING BIA TO FULL OPERATIONAL STATUS.

2. RCAA WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION ABOVE INFORMATION BY EMBASSY BEIRUT AND THEN PASSING ON, THROUGH DEPARTMENT, TO:

C. E. FINCH

ATC/ADSYSTEMS

COLLINS INTERNATIONAL TELCON SYSTEMS

RICHARDSON, TEXAS

TLX 73-307

3. ABOVE FIRM TELEXED RCAA DEC. 4 EXPRESSING INTEREST PARTICIPATION BIA PROGRAM AND REAR THAT PROPOSALS COVERING SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD BE REQUIRED WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS BY DGCA. HOWEVER, EXCEPT FOR NEW ILS, CARAYAN INDICATES DGCA WILL ACQUIRE OTHER ITEMS OFF-SHELF WITHOUT RESORTING TO FORMAL TENDER. IF CARAYAN CAN ASSIST U.S. SUPPLIERS IN PASSING COMMUNICATIONS TO BEYDOUN, HE MAY BE REACHED AT LONDON TELEPHONE 4991685 (MEA) OR 0628-27656 (HOME). HOWEVER, CARAYAN REPORTS BEYDOUN NOW BACK AT BEIRUT, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. BEAUXRY

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